

Naval Yard Shooting 2013

Washington D.C, USA

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Background on the Washington Naval Yard

Layout map of Washington Navy Yard

- Former shipyard and ordnance plant for United States Navy
- Located in South East Washington D.C
- Is currently used as the administrative center for the U.S Navy
- Is the oldest shore establishment of the Navy
- Home to chief of Naval Operations, headquarters for the Naval Sea Systems Command, and many Naval corporations



Background on Aaron Alexis

Aaron Alexis was the gunman of the Washington Naval Yard Shooting.

- Was born in Brooklyn, New York, and was a resident of Fort Worth, Texas
- Joined U.S Navy in 2007
- He was later discharged from the navy
- According to Navy official, Alexis was arrested 8 times for misconduct, none of them were serious
- Alexis was said to have been traumatized from the 9-11 attacks
- Claimed he was not happy with America



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ldsLQLV7nY>

http://www.fbi.gov/washingtondc/press-releases/2013/image/haron-alexis-navy-shooting_01

The Washington Naval Yard Shooting

- 7:53 am, September 16, 2013, Aaron Alexis arrives in the Navy Yard, scanning his way in because of a valid card he had from the Navy.
- He had previously purchased a Remington 870 shotgun from a gun store in Virginia.
- He began shooting at 8:16 am after assembling his shotgun. He shot down at civilians in Building 197.
- There were 13 fatalities in total, 12 civilians and Aaron Alexis himself, after being shot by a D.C officer.

The shooting, as it happened

- http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-201_162-57603385/the-washington-navy-yard-shooting-as-it-happened/



How come Aaron Alexis did this?

- Aaron Alexis had mental issues, and has always had a terrible, uncontrollable temper.
- He was seeking help for insomnia months leading up to the attack.
- Apparently he was traumatized by the 9-11 attacks
- According to the FBI, he was not targeting any individuals
- He left a note saying he was driven to kill by ultra-low frequency attacks
- This means that he was hearing voices through the walls very faintly, but he couldn't sleep at night
- Directly before the shooting, his note said, "Ultra-low frequency attack is what I've been subject to for the past three months, and that's what has driven me to this



<http://media.nbcwashington.com/images/554/368/Aaron+Alexis+mg+bettering>
http://www.foxhoholm.af.mil/woolpress.com/2013/02/mg_mn.html?_id=54081512

How did the United States respond?


- Within minutes of the attack, security forces were in a gun fight with Alexis. He shot an officer in the leg before running away.
- He killed 12 people and wounded four in the attack
- The attack caused many gun control advocates from around the D.C area to protest in front of the Capitol.
- They were calling for stricter gun control
- The opposition to that statement was that Alexis had a mental disorder



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<http://arxiv.org/abs/1704.05462>

Why is this a big deal?

- The Naval Yard Attack is a big deal for many reasons.
 - This attack increases the chance that an attack will happen just like it
 - After the Sandy Hook Shootings, there were many shootings like it just not as bad
 - It showed lack of continuous security in a place like the Navy Yard
 - It showed how mentally ill he was and how someone like him can go crazy
 - It will spur another gun control debate
 - He was very hyper-realistic
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<http://www.librarynews.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/laron-alexis.jpg>

Political Cartoon



<http://boal.org/boal-content/uploads/2011/09/New-York-Disc-Cartoon.jpg>

Political Cartoon Analysis

Humor/Irony

This cartoon shows both of these traits because of the way he said the sentence. You can read that they switched the words 'gun' and 'man' for a reason.



Viewpoint

The author's viewpoint is telling that the media often blames the attacks on the guns, instead of the killer himself. You can see that in bold on the reporters coat it reads, "MEDIA". This is a symbol that is meant to stand out in this cartoon.

Discussion Questions

These are three topic questions that we can discuss with each other

- 1. If you were in this situation, with a gunman inside your building, would you be like most people and run away, or would you try to be a hero and hunt down the gunman?
- 2. If you had a family member who was injured/wounded or killed in the attack, would you be angry at Aaron Alexis, or the gun and the people who unknowingly contributed to his killing?
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